REMARKS

Prior to the initial examination of the present application, Applicants wish to have this amendment entered which adds no new subject matter to the application, but revises the abstract within the Specification and converts the European style of multiple dependent claims to the US format of single dependency.

Given the above amendments to the claims and the comments herein,

Applicants respectfully request notice of allowance of all pending claims at the

earliest convenience. However, should the Examiner envision further rejection or

comment, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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